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AF/W FOR HOWARD K. WALKER; SCA/VO

1. ASST FOREIGN MINISTER GERALD PADMORE APPROACHED DCM AND ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYTHING WE COULD DO TO ASSIST IN REPATRIATING DUKULY. PADMORE SAID PRESIDENT TOLBERT HAS TAKEN A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE CASE AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT DUKULY COULD BE EXPELLED FROM US RATHER THAN INCARCERATED IN AMERICAN PRISON. PADMORE SAID TOLBERT HAD WRITTEN ABMASSADOR PEAL ASKING HIM APPROACH DEPARTMENT AND CONNECTICUTT AUTHORITIES ALONG THESE LINES.

2. PADAMORE SAID DUKULY BEING PROSECUTED BY CONNECTICUT RATHER THANUSG. PADMORE, WHO EDUCATED IN US UNDERSTANDS JURISDICTIONAL QUESTION INVOLVED, BUT MADE STRONG PLEA FOR OUR HELP. AS DEPT AWARE, FAMILY IS PROMINENT, FAIRLY CLOSE TO PRESIDENT TOLBERT AND FRIENDLY TO USG. THEREFORE, RECOMMEND WE BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE.

3. DCM MADE NO COMMITMENT TO PADMORE OTHER THAN TO REPORT MATTER TO WASHINGTON. OPINED THAT ULTIMATE DECISION LAY IN HANDS STATE OF CONNECTUCUT AUTHORITIES AND THAT USG EFFORTS MIGHT COME TO NAUGHT.

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